

LOTS OF LITTLE LAUGHS.

ON the safe side—The cashier.
A HEAD gardener—the barber.
A FILLY "buster"—A colt that breaks
a record.
SOME men kick against a bill, and
others foot it.
DROD a dollar in the charity slot and
pull out a blessing.

It is the noble Kentuckian who never misses the water when the well runs dry.

How GLAD both rich and poor would be,
When frigid are the days,
If men who deal in coal could see
The error of their weighs!

THE man who "shot at random," not hitting it, has succeeded in his rifle to the youth who aimed at immortality.

"LARGE checks" for ladies' dresses is an old, old fashion. Ask any man blessed with a wife and daughters.

A PHILADELPHIAN has constructed a house which he calls "a poem in brick." Should it ignite from a defective flue, would he call it a *sonnet*?

WHITE lies may not be so black as the other kind; but they are most as wicked. The color line cannot be drawn successfully in the lying line.

THE inventor of a new "waist attachment" says the contrivance is not harmful. The old waist attachment, ac-

It has gotten so that when two society women vie with one another for the palm in personal beauty the race for supremacy must be termed a "neck and neck" race.

Brown (producing his scrapbook and pointing with pride to one of his early effusions)—There, read that! Fogg

Mrs. GADD—What sort o' folks are those new neighbors o' yours? Mrs. GADD—Well, I've been watching their back yard for two weeks, but as they send their washing to a laundry I can't

The man who first suggested the use of an X as the signature of a person who could not write was no philosopher. The fitness of things should have led him to select the cipher, which as a monograph is eminently significant in most cases.

BRIDE of a day (to her husband, who is doing his best to entertain her on the train)—Do stop talking a little while, John. John (tenderly).—What is the matter, dear? are you nervous? Bride.—No, but I want to hear what the women are saying in the seat behind

AFRAID he had 'em again; Mr. Rambo (at dime museum, in great alarm)—Nancy, do you see anything in that cage next to the monkeys? Mrs. Rambo.—Yes, there's a lot of snakes. Mr Rambo (with recovered self-possession)—So they are. Fine specimens, too.

aren't they?

WIDDLE—Did you attend the amateur operatic performance last night?

Wabble—Yes, I had the best seat in the house, No. 88 Z Balcony. Wibble—Why, it's almost impossible to hear at all in that part of house. Wabble—Just so. That's what made that seat

particularly desirable.

"Excuse me," said the parcel man, "but I left a package here about an hour ago which should have been delivered next door." "Yes, sir," replied the girl, "but you can't get it just yet." "Why?" "Because the lady hasn't had time to undo it, and examine the con-

AT DAYBREAK,
Chanticleer, in accents shrill,
Told that morn peeped o'er the hill;
But young Colin debonair
Lingered yet with Phillis fair
In the parlor dark and still,
Lingered there to coo and bill.


Papa's footsteps near the sill,
Collin asked, with timorous air;
"Shan't I clear?"
"Yes," she said, with sudden thrill
Of conscience that the hour was ill;
And then in haste with quiet care
While she mended up the stair,
Then silence reigned and wrought its will;
Shanty clear.

—American.

THE SAGACIOUS MAN AND HIS HAT.



The Man's Hat blows off. Will he chase it? Not much, he won't. He leaves that for others to do.



But the small boy seizes it, and the sagacious man, who has had no trouble in the matter whatever, rewards him with a nickel.—*Tejas Siftings.*

The Ann Arbor

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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

STATE TICKET.

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.
CLAUDIOUS B. GRANT,
Of Houghton.

For Regents of the University.
CHARLES S. DRAPER, of Saginaw,
WILLIAM J. COCKER, of Lenawee.

The Whittling Intelligence is pleased to note that there are no Mugwump ear marks on this red, white and blue administration.

Out of 61 places designated for registering and holding elections by democratic officers in Detroit, all but eleven are in saloons.

Ex-Gov. Wilson is holding on to Gov. Goff's job in West Virginia, with a persistence that leads one to believe he needs the salary.—Blade.

Ionia papers claim that Mr. Cusser lives in that county. Maybe he does now; but right after the election for governor last fall he lived in East Saginaw.—Lansing Republican.

President Harrison has made quite a number of appointments already, and he has not yet named a jail bird or ex-convict for any office. Things have changed a great deal in the last four years.—Ere.

Charges are made that the West Branch G. A. R. post has been dabbling into politics by recommending one of its members for postmaster.—Day City Times. Why should they not do so? A veteran should have the position, and no one but a mugwump, disgruntled democrat or traitor to his country would object to their action.

The appropriations by the two sessions of Congress during Cleveland's administration were \$991,530,482, which was \$244,160,289 more than the Garfield-Arthur administration required. The pension list was only increased a little over \$2,000,000, and as there was no extraordinary public works projected or accomplished, it would be interesting to know what was done with so much money.

The Detroit Journal says: "Turning out Pension Agent McKinstry, a crippled soldier, before his term expires will not consist very well with the republican party's love for the soldier." The republican party admires and reveres crippled veterans, but has the same right to prefer those of the republican persuasion as has the democratic party to prefer rebel soldiers in making appointments.

E. L. Gleason, of Gaylord, understood that Michigan's governors made a fat thing out of the fees of the office, and he wrote to your Uncle Cyrus Luce to have his fears confirmed. Gov. Luce hastens to reply that the great state of Michigan pays its governor 1,000 big dollars every year, counting rainy days and Sundays, and that the fees are all turned over to the state treasury.

It was objected to Bro. Wannamaker's appointment as postmaster general that he had no experience in politics. His experience in business, however, is likely to be of much greater value to the government. One of his first acts was to issue an order requiring the employees of his department to work from 7:30 a. m. to 6 p. m. Hereafter they have had too easy a thing of it altogether.—Detroit News.

The proposed amendment increasing the salary of governor to \$4,000, will be adopted if the voters of Michigan will give it due thought and consideration. Let there be a full vote on this proposed amendment, and let every voter go to the polls determined to cast his ballot in favor of a salary sufficient to make it possible for a poor man to become governor without becoming a pauper.—Detroit Tribune.

On next Monday an election will be held in this State which is as important, if not more so than the one that took place last fall, as far as the people of this State are concerned. It is highly important that the republicans in every township in this county should beset themselves and not be caught napping. Make good nominations at your caucuses and on election day see that your candidates are elected, from Supervisor down to Constable.

It is to be hoped that the constitutional amendment increasing the Governor's salary from \$1,000 to \$4,000 will be carried at the coming election. The negligence of the State as exhibited in respect to the salaries of its chief officers has become a matter of reproach. The result of the April election will show whether the standard of intelligence in Michigan has been raised as some of our altruistic educators have been telling us.—Lansing Journal, (Den.)

WASHINGTON LETTER

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22, '90.

The President has so regulated the calls of the office seekers, or the hours during which he may be seen by them, that he is beginning to get some little breathing time. He is moving very slowly, so much so in fact that some are already beginning to murmur at his pace. But he says that it is better to go slow and be right than to go fast and be wrong.

Among the prominent appointments made by the President since my last letter are the following: Jas. S. Clarkson, of Iowa, to be First Assistant Postmaster General; John W. Mason, of West Virginia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue; Smith A. Whitfield, of Ohio, to be Second Assistant Postmaster General; S. R. Thayer, of Minnesota, to be Minister to the Netherlands; Chas. E. Mitchell, of Connecticut, to be Commissioner of Patents; Nathan O. Murphy, of Arizona, to be Secretary of that Territory; W. B. Deacon to be U. S. Marshal of New Jersey; J. S. Burton to be U. S. Marshal for Mississippi; E. J. Karsheed, U. S. Marshal for Louisiana; B. D. Slaughter, U. S. Marshal for Nebraska; Whitelaw Reid, editor of the N. Y. Tribune, to be Minister to France; Frederick D. Grant, son of Gen. U. S. Grant, of New York, to be Minister to Austria; John C. New, of Indiana, to be Consul General at London, and Julius Goldschmidt, of Wisconsin, to be Consul General at Vienna. This is not a long list, but it is everywhere conceded to be a good one.

Mrs. Harrison has been quite ill this week with a severe cold, but is now much better, though still confined to her room.

The republican Senators and Representatives who have been here since the adjournment of Congress, looking after their quota of offices, are beginning to turn their faces homeward. The most of them appear to be satisfied with the outlook, but of course there are some grumblers.

The nomination of Eugene Schuyler of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of State, has been withdrawn from the Senate, Mr. Schuyler having declined the office.

The democratic correspondents here, failing to discover anything to criticize in the actions of the new administration up to the present time, have resorted to downright lying in order to interest their readers. One individual with a somewhat active and vivid imagination, sent off a long story purporting to give the full particulars of how Harrison was trying to force Wannamaker out of the Cabinet, even going to the extent of giving what was claimed to be a copy of a telegram from First Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson to Mr. Joseph Medill, editor Chicago Tribune, telling him that the President wanted to get rid of Wannamaker and that he (Clarkson) was to run the Department. It was promptly crushed by Postmaster General Wannamaker, Assistant Clarkson, and Mr. Medill.

A discussion, or perhaps it would be better to say, a general expression of views, during a recent session of the Senate, as to why the salary of Congressmen should not be doubled, has caused a good deal of discussion here. The Senate is in favor of it by a large majority, but whether a majority would vote for a bill enacting such a law, is somewhat doubtful. Public sentiment here undoubtedly favors such a change, as it is argued that no Representative or Congressman can keep house in this city on less than \$10,000 a year, and keep up the style and appearance that is expected of him. It is further argued that the cost of living in Washington is now much greater than it was when the present salaries were fixed. But there is another side to the question, and although its upholders are in a minority here, they probably have a large majority of the voters of the country with them. They argue that the present salary, \$5,000 a year, is enough, and that the people do not send their Representatives and Senators to Washington to ape the manners of the European nobility, nor to try to outdo the coteries of millionaires who have of late years set the pace for Washington society, but to work. If any of them finds \$5,000 a year insufficient to live on, let him resign the place to a more economical man.

The country is certainly to be congratulated on the prospect of increased efficiency in our postal service. Postmaster General Wannamaker and his capable assistants, Clarkson, Whitfield and Hazen are all bending their energies to accomplish this much desired reform. One good result is the appointment of J. Lewis Bell, of Pa., as Superintendent of the railway mail service.

The Talking Machine.

One of the new improved Edison phonographs, or talking machines, will be one of the novelties at the Detroit Floral Exhibition. It will sing songs, tell stories, describe the floral booths, and will also contain and repeat the story of the Floral Exhibition, in the voice of W. H. Brantly, of the Detroit Journal, who is the manager of the enterprise. The machines are so constructed that five persons can listen through the little rubber tubes at the same time.

Beaver Creek Items.

Spring has come and the snow has nearly gone.

J. S. Crego has been on the sick list for a couple of weeks, but is so as to be out again.

Mr. S. R. Pattison is suffering from a severe attack of Rheumatism. He has been confined to the house nearly all the time for the past four or five weeks. Dr. Woodworth attends him.

Mr. and Mrs. Camp are visiting friends in Shiawassee county.

Our Spring election is almost here. Now is the time to put the best men on the ticket and then vote for them without any regard to politics.

Office seekers are stirring around. B. & B's, "what is it," wants another term.

X. O. G.

The Century.

Mr. Joseph Jefferson has been engaged for a number of years upon his autobiography, which will soon begin to appear in THE CENTURY. No more interesting record of a life upon the stage could be laid before the American public, and Mr. Jefferson's personality is perhaps more sympathetic to the people of this country than that of any actor we have had. He is the fourth in a generation of actors, and with his children and grandchildren upon the stage, there are six generations of actors among the Jeffersons. The record which he has made of the early days of the American stage is said to be peculiarly interesting, especially the story of his travels as a boy in his father's company, when they would settle down for a season in a Western town and extemporize their own theater.

The autobiography will begin in THE CENTURY during the coming autumn, and the installments will be illustrated with a portrait gallery of distinguished actors.

We think that President Harrison and Postmaster General Wannamaker should at once put in operation a swift guillotine to lop off the heads of the civilian successors to the veterans in the postoffices. This machine should at least run at as high a rate of speed as that made use of by President Cleveland and his Postmasters General in accomplishing over 50,000 removals within three years. We would be much better satisfied if every postoffice in the country should be put in charge of a Union veteran inside of one year from the 4th inst. If necessary the machine ought to be run night and day, for time is now very precious to the veterans, and if postoffices are to be much good to them they ought to be given with the least possible delay.

We don't think any mere political heeler, left over from the late administration, should be allowed to hold an office for a year, or a month, even when an equally capable crippled veteran needs and desires the place.

That's the sort of a Civil Service Reformer we are.—National Tribune.

We clip the following article, relative to the prospects of the Grayling Gold and Silver Mining Co., from the Iron Ore, published at Ishpeming, dated the 16th inst: "The shaft being sunk at the Finn & Michelson prospect, of which we had a complete description last week, is now down fifteen feet, rock rich in gold being taken from the bottom. Specimens showing native gold in the quantity before described are shown. This is encouraging to the Grayling Gold & Silver company and to all others interested.

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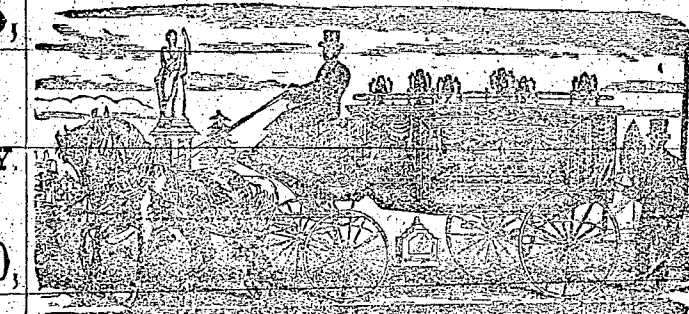
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